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Mayse going to Charlotte

KM losing another doctor

Dr. Scott Mayse made it official this week that he is closing his 15-year medical practice in Kings Mountain.

Rumors in the medical community had been circulating for several weeks that Mayse was looking at another position and in a letter to his patients under date of August 15 he wrote them that he "had not wanted to leave this community but the changing face of the health care delivery system locally has left me with little choice."

Mayse, 43, said the shrinking size of the medical community

caused him to "look out for the future."

Mayse said he has been concerned that Kings Mountain Hospital is becoming more of an outpatient facility instead of an inpatient facility that he feels the community needs.

Kings Mountain Internal Medicine Clinic at 608 West King Street, Suite 3, will close its doors in mid to late September.

Mayse will join the practice of First Charlotte Physicians, a large Internal Medicine Group in Charlotte, affiliated with

Presbyterian Hospital. He will be working in the branch office at the University Medical Park near UNCC and admitting his patients to Charlotte Presbyterian Hospital.

Mayse wrote his present patients that they will be welcomed in his new practice but for many of them who can't travel the distance, he said he would attempt to assist them in meeting their medical needs during the transition period. He said patient records will be available upon the request of patients.

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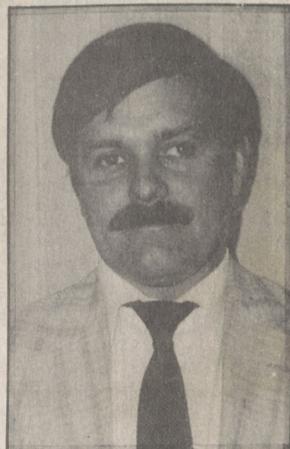
weeks after he leaves the city that a nurse will be available at the West King Street office for blood tests and blood pressure checks and he is hoping to have evening office hours one day a week in Kings Mountain for a similar period of time to give his current patients a little more time to find satisfactory long-term medical care. He encouraged patients with more serious medical problems to begin seeking another doctor.

In Kings Mountain the Mayse family has been active in the community.

Dr. Mayse chaired the successful Kings Mountain Kiwanis club-sponsored community fund drive to build the Neisler Natatorium at Kings Mountain High School and is co-chairing the successful drive to build a home for the Kings Mountain Little Theatre at the old Dixie Theatre in downtown Kings Mountain. The whole family has been active in the Sharks Aquatics Club and swim program and organized the Kings Mountain Chapter.

Mayse earned his medical de-

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DR. SCOTT MAYSE



DIVIDED HIGHWAY - A culvert underneath Margrace Road washed out during heavy rains last Thursday night, causing the highway to collapse.

Rain pounds KM area again

A surprise overnight thunderstorm Thursday forced streams out of their banks, washing out a portion of Margrace Road.

Luckily, no one was injured. Five inches of rain started pouring on Eastern Cleveland County about 11 p.m. Thursday.

Bethlehem Fire Department was called out and more than 50 volunteers came to the aid of Phifer Drive residents Carl and Doris Pruitt who awoke at 5 a.m. to find high flood waters up to their back

door. Cleveland County Sheriff's Deputy Ed Pheagin had just passed over a quaking section at the lower end of Margrace Road when the pavement and tons of mud gave way behind him, leaving a gaping 15-foot deep culvert filled with flood waters.

Cleveland County Emergency Management Director Beau Lovelace said a flooded Long Branch Creek washed the road away. Heavy rains also flooded

four other roads in the eastern section of the county.

Rescue workers quickly barricaded the flooded areas.

Local weatherman Ken Kitzmiller said the inside-Kings Mountain area received 1.65 inches of rainfall on Thursday. The seven-day total rainfall in the city limits was 2.57 inches. To date, Kitzmiller's rain gauge has measured 43.74 inches of rainfall in Kings Mountain, the normal rainfall for an entire 12 months.

Forecasters are predicting no rain for the remainder of the week but a few clouds, said Kitzmiller.

Kitzmiller, a retired water and wastewater employee for the State of Ohio, has been keeping weather calendars and charts since 1981. The 78-year-old resident says he kept up with rainfall at his job and continued as a hobby when he retired in Kings Mountain.

Kitzmiller regularly shares his weather reports with the local radio station and newspaper.

City utility bill to have new look

You may not recognize your city utility bill this month.

Beginning with the August bill, your bill will be an 8 1/2x11 bill folded and inserted in a window envelope.

Interim City Manager Maxine Parsons said the staff in the city's Finance Department is making every effort to have utility bills to customers on time this month. She said the bills may be a day or two late because of the magnitude of the changes being made this month.

Your new bill will contain a pink return envelope. Parsons said if customers will use the envelope that it will help city employees process the payment faster.

Parsons said the city will also realize some savings in postage since the bills will be coded with an 11-digit zip code. The bar code allows the post office to sort the bills by machine for route delivery.

"The new bill has been designed with room at the bottom for comments from utility customers and will also be used by the city to relay important information to customers, such as time for gas light-ups and pick-up of leaves.

Parsons said that the current meter-reading and billing system causes a bottleneck of paperwork at the end of the month and makes it difficult to collect late payments or cutoff fees until the beginning of the next month.

Parsons and Utility Director Jimmy Maney agree the current method for reading meters is insufficient and looked at Shelby's schedule for meter reading. With the permission of the city utilities committee, they adopted the City of Shelby's routine of reading all meters - inactive as well as active.

They say the new system will better organize the routes and readers will have a calendar specifying the days and the areas they read and the schedules for their other duties, including cutoffs. Routes they now use are erratic, creating double coverage of some areas.

Maney explained at a recent utilities committee meeting that the current reading method using hand-held electronic devices does not necessarily alert a reader when a meter has gone back on line. He said the new system will eliminate the possibility readers may pass a meter that has been inactive for several months but has recently been activated.

A new cutoff policy effective October 15 was adopted by City Council in July. Parsons said bills will be due on the 15th of each month, the late fee will be added on the 16th of each month and cutoff will be on the 25th of each month. In October, when this change takes effect, the bills will be in the mail either on the last day of the month or the first day of the next month, she said.

Parsons said the new changes should alleviate cash flow problems and put the city on a true 30-day billing cycle.

Parsons said the Finance and Utility Departments will inform customers about changes in billing, reading of meters and collecting of bills in future articles in the newspaper.

"The focus of the Finance Department and Utility Department is to better serve the customers in the reading of your meter, billing and collecting your bill," Parsons said.

United Fund seeks \$125,000

Ready, set, go! That's what United Fund Campaign Chairman Nancy Scism is telling Division leaders this week as they plan to kick-off the annual appeal September 9 at a luncheon meeting at the Kings Mountain Depot.

The drive will seek \$125,145, slightly up from last year, for 16 agencies.

Funded this year were these charitable organizations:

American Red Cross, \$19,000; Ministerial Association Helping Hand and Chaplain's Fund, \$15,500; Girl Scouts of Pioneer Council, \$4,500; Boy Scouts of Piedmont Council, \$4,500; North Carolina United Way, \$625; Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, \$13,000; Children's Home of Cleveland County, \$7,800; Kings Mountain Boys Club, \$11,325; Grover Rescue Squad, \$10,000; CODAP, \$7,000; Salvation Army, \$3,500; Cleveland County Mental Health Association, \$500; Hospice of Cleveland County, \$6,800; United Family Services, \$3,500; Cleveland Vocational Industries, \$4,200;

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Kings Mountain People



MAE MORROW

Miracles never cease for Mae

By ELIZABETH STEWART of The Herald Staff

Mae Morrow, 80, credits her long life to serving God and giving the church a tithe.

The silver-haired mother of eight children, grandmother of 18 and great-grandmother of 27 said her greatest ambition in life was to be a Christian homemaker.

"I've witnessed a number of miracles in my own family," said Morrow, relaxing in her comfortable Church Street home with daughter, Wanda West, and granddaughter, Selenja Robbins, and reliving memories of cooking for a large crowd, including an extended church family.

"My late husband Harvey and I helped build the Missionary Methodist Church on Second Street and for 40 years we took guests home with us every Sunday for dinner and talked about how to sell more doughnuts to pay for the church," she said.

"Many times my husband didn't tell me we were having guests but we always made room for one more at the table."

Morrow said her husband served in almost all capacities in the church, except in the pulpit, and died of a heart attack 20 years ago while cutting the grass at the church.

"Harvey loved the church so much and he died the way he wanted."

Morrow's first husband, Doc Boyles, died in a train accident in Kings Mountain in 1940 when Mae was pregnant with her first child.

But Morrow said it was no accident that she met both her spouses in church. Growing up in Kings Mountain, she said that Brush Harbors and tent revivals were the places to meet young people. She said a Brush Harbor was located at the old T. J. Ellison Store on Cleveland Avenue and a short distance from her present home where she has lived for nearly half a century.

"We didn't have cars back then and we walked everywhere," said Morrow, recalling that times were hard but that families survived because they relied on their faith to get them through the tough times.

"Once when we couldn't buy winter clothes for the kids I asked God for clothes so they could go to church," said Morrow. She said that a big package of children's clothing was delivered to her house and she never knew the donor.

Quilt-making, cake-baking, gardening and freezing home-grown vegetables have kept Morrow busy all her life and rarely a day goes by that she doesn't bake cornbread and homemade biscuits for family and unexpected company. There's always a place at the Morrow table for one more.

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